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SUBJECT: Interment Allowance for Deceased Active Duty Personnel

Reference: (a) DoD Directive 1344.8, subject as above, September 14, 1968 (hereby canceled)

1. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Directive reissues reference (a) to update the established requirement for the periodic review of interment allowances to assure that survivors of active duty personnel are provided a reasonable and adequate monetary allowance to cover interment expenses on a uniform basis.

2. APPLICABILITY

The provisions of this Directive apply to the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Military Departments.

3. POLICY

Unless otherwise requested, arrangements for interment of deceased active duty personnel will be made by the next of kin. The Military Departments will provide advice and assistance as appropriate.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1. Based on the reviews and reports prescribed in paragraphs 4.2. and 4.3., below, the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics) will approve reasonable and adequate uniform DoD monetary allowances.

4.2. The Secretary of the Army, in coordination with the Departments of the Navy and Air Force, will conduct, as a minimum, a biennial review to determine the adequacy of interment allowances and report the results to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics) within 30 days of the completion of each review. Each report will include, as a minimum, a recommendation as to the adequacy of the allowance and an analysis of cost data for interment comparing the allowance with current interment costs in the civilian community.

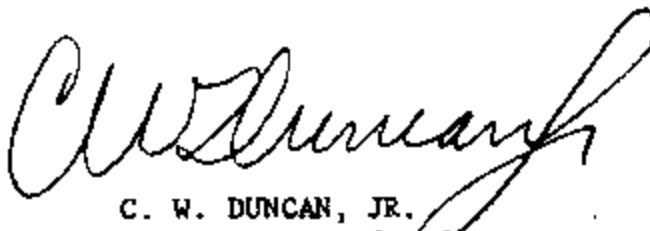
4.3. The Military Departments will conduct periodic internal reviews to insure the adequacy of the interment allowance and report the results to the Secretary of the Army.

5. INFORMATION REQUIREMENT

The reporting requirement described in section 4. has been assigned Reports Control Symbol DD-M(AR)894.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This Directive is effective immediately. Forward one copy of each implementing document to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics) within 120 days.



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